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## IN BRIEF

*By the [Tallinn City Centre Government](#) as part of the  
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## Dear Tallinn Residents,

We hope that the majority of you have already received your COVID vaccinations by now (if not you can register for vaccination at <https://www.digilugu.ee/>) and are excited for summer 2021! ☀️

The biggest celebration of June is *Jaanipäev* or Midsummer, which luckily involves being outside, having bonfires (do not forget about safety precautions), grilling and socialising with friends and family in fresh air on a summer evening. In this newsletter, you will learn about other cultural events taking place in the streets of the capital like the Tallinn Medieval days or marine festival. 🍷🍷

Enjoy cultural Tallinn and support local business as part of the campaign "Discover Tallinn"! Explore a number of amazing eating-places in the capital and ask for tap water instead of bottled water to save the environment. ♻️

Have a great beginning of summer season and enjoy every beautiful moment outside! 🌊



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## Tallinn is focused on reviving domestic tourism with summer campaign



*Towers' Square by Visit Tallinn*

The city is supporting local businesses through the summer campaign "**Discover Tallinn!**", which invites all Estonians to take part in the capital's diverse and cultural summer. The campaign's message is that there is a wealth of things to discover and places to explore in Tallinn, even for those who live here or have visited repeatedly.

Tallinn invites all Estonian residents to visit the capital and participate in an array of summer events and thereby contribute to economic recovery and support for local businesses.

In cooperation with hotels, the city can also offer added value for guests staying in Tallinn during the campaign: 22 companies in Tallinn offer **the third night for free** when booking for three consecutive nights. If three nights is just one too many, everyone who books accommodation for at least two consecutive nights during the same period will receive a **free 24-hour Tallinn Card**, which can be used to visit almost every major sight the capital has to offer.

The promotions are valid between **1 and 14 June** and applies for bookings throughout the summer (01.06.-31.08.2021).

## Tallinn has a diverse cultural programme in place for the summer



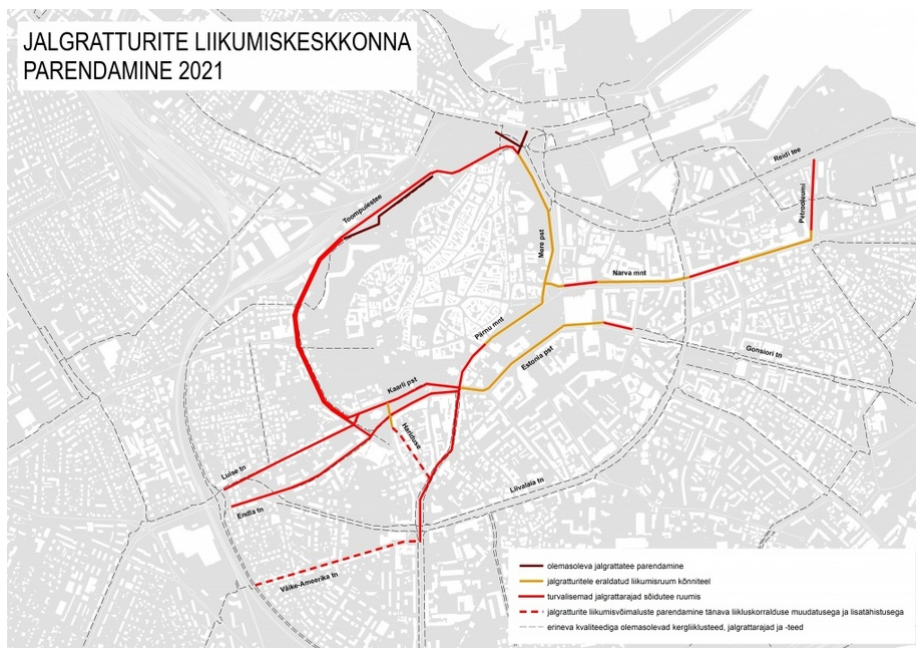
*Old Town by Kadi-Liis Koppel*

Despite the fact that The Tall Ships Races 2021 will be regrettably postponed until 2024, the city will still be holding a grandiose **maritime festival** (July 16-18) and several other traditional summer events such as **Medieval Days** (July 7-11), the **Birgitta Festival** (August 6-14) and the **Old Town Days** (August 12-15).

- During the Medieval Days, from 7 to 11 July, you are able to feel the atmosphere of the flourishing Hanseatic era, a large medieval market is set up in the Town Hall Square with merchants and workshops. You can find more information about the program on [www.medievaldays.ee](http://www.medievaldays.ee).
- The great maritime festival will take place in the five ports of Tallinn City Centre from 16 to 18 July, where the ships that traditionally participate in The Tall Ships Races will also be in attendance, as well as a smaller regatta in cooperation with three cities - Tallinn, Klaipeda and Szczecin. There will be outdoor cafés, children's play areas, a fish market, and much more. More information can be found here: <https://www.tallshipstallinn.ee>.
- Birgitta Festival 2021 will take place in Tallinn from 6 to 14 August. Puccini's opera "Sister Angelica" will be performed especially for this year's Birgitta Festival. Tchaikovsky's opera "Yevgeny Onegin" and Verdi's opera "Aida" can be enjoyed through the performance of the Dmitry Hvorostovsky Krasnoyarsk State Opera and Ballet Theatre. More information can be found on <https://www.filharmoonia.ee/en/birgitta>.
- This year, the Tallinn Old Town Days "**Stories and Legends**" will run for three days between 12 and 15 August. In addition to an impressive concert program, the Old Town Days also offer numerous thematic tours, a film program, architectural excursions, special programs in museums, distinct exhibitions, street theatre, a children's area, a folk culture area, etc. You can find more information on the program <https://vanalinnapaevad.ee/en/>.

Even more events in Tallinn during the summer: <https://www.visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/see-do/things-to-do/events>.

## Cyclists to get more road space in Tallinn City Centre



*Cycling routes 2021*

The Tallinn City Government has developed plans that would create more than 16 kilometres of safer lanes and routes for cyclists in the City Centre, where cyclists will get more space to commute through the city.

Approximately 3.8 kilometres of new bicycle paths are planned in the City Centre, including 1.6 kilometres on Narva maantee and Petrooleumi street, 700 meters on Mere puiestee, 550 meters on Pärnu maantee and 950 meters on Gonsiori and Estonia streets. The development could expand the existing bicycle paths in the city centre by about 5 kilometres.

The changes to the City Centre roadways are diverse. For example, car lanes are reduced to give cyclists another kilometre of cycle path on the road, and by redistributing the footpath, cyclists will be given 2.7 kilometres of additional space. Moreover, on the streets of Väike-Ameerika and Hariduse, changes in traffic management and improved road markings will enable the streets to become more accessible to cyclists, granting another kilometre of space for them to commute safely.

In addition, the city is investing in completely new cycle paths, including the cycle path on Poska street, the second stage of the light traffic road connecting Filtri tee with Kadriorg and the Ülemiste common terminal, the first stage of Pärnu maantee - Viljandi maantee light traffic road and the second stage of the Viljandi maantee light traffic road - connection to Järvevana tee are planned to be completed this year. Reconstruction of Jõe and Pronksi streets and construction of a light traffic road in the port area will also begin.

The photo depicts an initial outline of the proposed rearrangements; though the plan may change slightly during the course of the works.



Watch the video on the proposed solutions:

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## First episode of new podcast in English - Tallinn Talks



The first episode of **Tallinn Talks** was recorded in May, a new podcast series brought to you through the cooperation of the Tallinn City Centre Government, the City Centre New Arrivals Council and the City of Tallinn as part of the Tallinn City Centre for New Arrivals project.

This podcast series, hosted by members of the **Tallinn City Centre New Arrivals Council** Chantel Rowe and Emily Keal, aims to connect with Tallinn city residents who may have moved here from abroad recently and provide news, insights and information about what's going on in the city, all in English, every month.

In the 1st episode, in addition to the local news, the hosts have two guests: Lennart Sundja, the head of the Department of Culture in Tallinn, who discusses the upcoming **Tallinn Culture Summer**, and the head of the Lasnamäe district administration Vladimir Svet, who will uncover some interesting historical facts about the largest district of Tallinn.

Important links:

- You can listen to the podcast's first episode on [Soundcloud](#) or [Spotify](#).
- To register for vaccination, go on your health portal <https://www.digilugu.ee/>.
- For information regarding Tallinn's cultural events in English, go to the website: <https://www.visittallinn.ee/eng>.
- Lasnamäe district administration fb page: <https://www.facebook.com/Lasnamae>
- Fb-community initiated by expats in Lasnamäe: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/expatslasnamae>

## A campaign calling companies to provide tap water instead of a bottled water



*from Vesikraanist*

The City of Tallinn, Estonian Hotel and Restaurant Association and Tallinna Vesi Ltd. have come together to launch a campaign that invites eco-friendly catering facilities to offer their customers tap water instead of bottled water.

The city believes that by offering tap water instead of bottled water, companies can be more customer and environmentally friendly and express their concern for human health and the environment by also reducing their waste. For instance, by offering one cubic meter of tap water, it is possible to prevent the production, transportation and handling of 2,000 plastic or glass bottles, because this is how many bottles it takes to package just one cubic meter of water.

The good news is that the popularity of drinking tap water has grown year on year among Tallinn residents. According to Aleksandr Timofeev, CEO of Tallinna Vesi, the quality of tap water in Tallinn has been very good for many years, and with its evident availability, he believes there is no reason why bottled water should be preferred to tap water.

Catering facilities that offer tap water can make themselves visible with a respective label, which can be obtained from the information centre of the City Government (Vabaduse väljak 7), the Tallinn Tourist Information Centre (Niguliste 2) or the Tallinn Strategic Management Centre (Kaarli 4).

On the website [www.vesikraanist.ee](http://www.vesikraanist.ee) it is possible to see the catering facilities that have joined the initiative, there is also the opportunity for customers to highlight the cafés and restaurants providing tap water and for companies to notify others about joining the initiative.

## The historic Kopli folk house will once again become a community centre



*Kopli folk house by Ilja Matusihis*

This Wednesday, June 9 at 6 pm, the garden gates of the **Kopli folk house (Kopli 93)** will be reopened and the custom of community Wednesdays will be re-established. The event is free; more information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Kopli93>.

The surroundings of the historic Kopli folk house will be revived as a public city garden - the courtyard and backyard of the former Sailors' Club will be redesigned as a study and experimental garden for the local community. Following the principles of permaculture, the future common garden will be used to grow herbs and vegetables, and for organising thematic study days and celebrations. In the future, garden activities will be accompanied by an open repair shop and various other cultural events.

The Kopli folk house was inaugurated in **1937** and was used exclusively for cultural and educational purposes and together with the surrounding park, the building was the most beautiful place in all of Kopli. In 1940, the folk house was claimed by the Soviet army and became known as the Sailors' Club. The condition of the building was ill-attended to during that time, and began to deteriorate. In the 1990s, the building was handed over to a private academy, which operated there until 2011. Since 2019, the folk house has been under the ownership of the Salme Cultural Centre.

The establishment of the centre is supported by the **Centrinno 2020-2024 project**, funded by the European Commission (H2020 grant. 869595). Additional information about the project: <https://centrinno.eu/>

## The Tallinn Civil Registry Office opened a new accessible marriage hall



*New ceremony hall of Tallinn Civil Registry Office*

In the courtyard house of **Õnnepalee (Pärnu mnt 67)**, a new ceremony hall has been completed which ensures convenient access for people with reduced mobility. The renovated venue is open for ceremonies and the first reservations for the summer months have already been made.

If you wish to use the ceremony hall for a civil marriage ceremony, please notify the Vital Statistics Department by e-mail **perekonnaseisamet@tallinnlv.ee** or by phone 6457483.

Additional information for renting the premises can be found at <https://www.tallinn.ee/eng/Teenus-Renting-rooms-of-the-Tallinn-Vital-Statistics-Department>.

## Tallinn Botanical Garden opened the Newly Renovated Palm House





*A view of Palm House by Mats Õun*

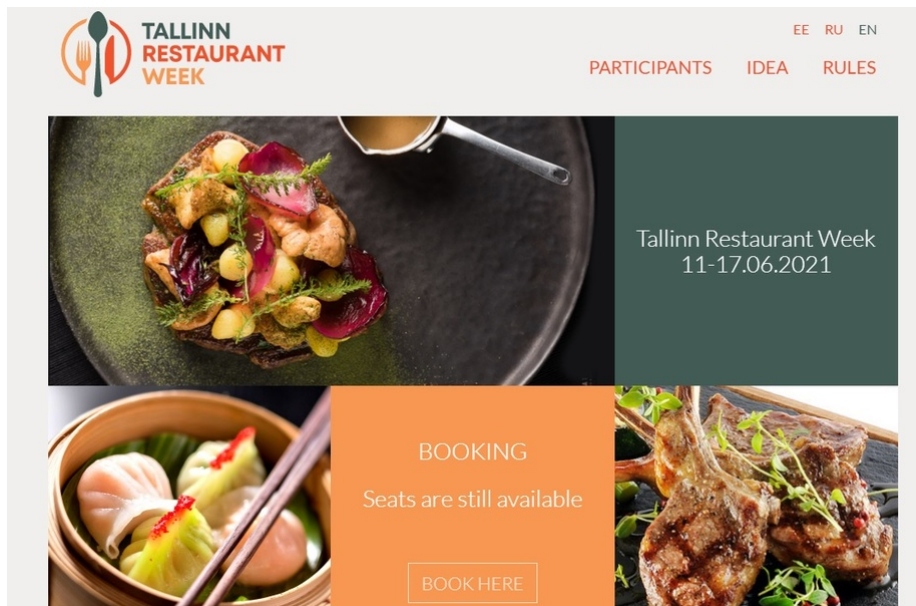
On June 8, the thoroughly renovated Palm House was officially reopened in the **Tallinn Botanical Garden** at Kloostrimetsa tee 52.

During the renovation, the glass facade of the Palm House tower was made more heat-resistant, heating and ventilation solutions were reconstructed and the interior finish was also renewed. The café, which was previously located on the ground floor, will soon open on two levels so that visitors can enjoy a full view of the entire plant area.

The botanical garden is constantly evolving and renewing. In addition to the Palm House, greenhouses were also reconstructed last year. This September, a new administrative building of the Botanical Garden will be completed, and in the future, it is planned to use the vacant premises of the current administrative building at **Kloostrimetsa tee 52** as a visitor centre. Of the outdoor areas, the rock garden is currently being renovated, which will be completed this summer.

The Tallinn Botanical Garden was established as an institute of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR on December 1, 1961. The Botanical Garden became a municipal institution in 1995 and since January 2005. The Botanical Garden is a member of the Baltic Botanical Gardens Association and the International Organization for the Conservation of Botanical Gardens.

## Culture and leisure time: Tallinn Restaurant Week



**Tallinn Restaurant Week**, taking place June 11-17, 2021, offers the opportunity to enjoy world-class restaurants at affordable prices in the Estonian capital. The event aims to promote dining out as a cultural experience among locals and visitors alike. For more information, visit <https://www.tallinnrestaurantweek.ee/?lang=en>.



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